Resident Economic Independence Scholarship

The Bloomington Urban Enterprise Association’s Resident Economic Independence Scholarships are available to help Zone residents pursue educational endeavors in an attempt to further their economic wellbeing. If you are a Zone resident and have lived within the Zone for at least 12 months, you may apply for an Economic Independence Scholarship by submitting the attached application.

The scholarship may be used to pay for any class that clearly aids in furthering one’s economic wellbeing. In the past, the scholarship has been used to take classes at Ivy Tech Community College and the Small Business Development Center as well as take classes necessary to pursue other professional opportunities such as real estate and cosmetology.

The BUEA will pay for two classes, including textbooks, or up to $600.00 a semester, whichever is less. Over one’s lifetime the BUEA will provide up to $1,200.00 in educational assistance. However, funds are limited and awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Applications must be received at least one month prior to the start of the class(es) being paid for with the scholarship. The BUEA will notify applicants of approval or denial by U.S. mail within seven business days. Funds will be sent directly to the institution providing the class(es).

To apply, send a completed application along with proof of residency (e.g. a photocopy of a valid driver’s license or a recent utility bill) to:

Bloomington Urban Enterprise Association
Post Office Box 100
Bloomington, IN 47402

If you have any questions, please contact the BUEA at (812) 349-3419 or payneb@bloomington.in.gov.
Resident Economic Independence Scholarship Application

Name: _______________________________________________________________

Home Address: _______________________________________________________

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How long have you lived at this address? ________________________________

Phone: ______________________________________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________

Proposed Classes: 1) __________________________________________________

2) ________________________________________________________________

Institution Offering Classes: ___________________________________________

Student ID Number: _________________________________________________

How Did You Hear About Us? _________________________________________

Attach to this form a written response addressing the following questions:

1) What are your long term educational and career goals?
2) How will completing the proposed class(es) aid in reaching these goals?

The information provided is true and complete to best of my knowledge and belief. I further understand that in order to receive future funding, I must earn at least a “C” in classes paid for by the BUEA or show proof of completion if class is not graded, remain in good financial standing with the educational institution, and maintain my residence in the Urban Enterprise Zone.

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Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

Please return this form along with proof of residence and written response to:

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P.O. Box 100
Bloomington, IN 47402